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Translation of [] [] Report (in Latvian) Concerning His Trip to
New York to Visit Freds LAUNAGS

I arrived in New York at 1845 on 13 December 1964 and went directly to subject's residence, 310 West 89th Street, Apt. 5A. The building is a single-room apartment house. The door ^{was} ~~was~~ locked but each resident can open the front door through an electric button. Although I rang several times, the front door was not opened (Later I was ^{able} ~~able~~ to determine that the owner of the building, a woman, lives in a basement apartment). Having waited 2 hours, I called my case officer in Washington, D.C. ~~mark~~ but did not find him at home. I decided to ~~xxx~~ write a note to subject, asking him to call me at the home of Dr. Juris ELKS telephone WA 3-2726. As I began to affix the note to subject's post box he responded to my ringing. Subject was full of suspicion and peeked through the curtains for a long period of time. He finally recognized me and permitted me to enter his room. The ~~apartment~~ appearance of the room was very poor. A bed, a table and chair and an old small refrigerator. He himself did not know at all why I had visited him. He said that he had aimlessly wondered about the city and had entered some church (probably a Unitarian church) which he had spent some time in meditation.

I told him that I am in New York in ~~an~~ order to meet HIRSS the next day and to decide what to do about the money that he had allocated supposedly for my salary. Apparently subject did not know anything about the position that had been offered me (by ALA for which HIRSS had made the donation). In continuing I told him that I decided to visit him because during our last meeting the situation was so depressive that I was concerned and therefore I spoke in Washington with KLAUPIKS to whom I told everything. He had already known about subject's situation from LAURIS. I told him that ~~KXX~~ KLAUPIKS had various possibilities through the Baptist church and that he had expressed to help subject. Subject's question, however, was how could KLAUPIKS help him. I explained that subject now has a tough time because of his divorce and that he could get over everything much easier if he had the possibility to enter a rest home in order to quiet his nerves and possibly also to

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receive medical treatment if the doctors decided such was necessary. To this subject replied that he feels completely well and that he ~~already~~ had already gotten over the roughest part. To this I replied that it seemed to me as well as to others that subject is under severe tension and that there are indications that his nerves are not in the best of condition. I cited a few examples such as that he is being followed and that he recognized the footsteps. To this he smiled shamefully.

I told him that I am here in order to help him at a tough time. It is not impossible that there might be a situation in which he in return will be able to help me. I told him that I ~~thought~~ thought I knew what depressed him most and ask him what he thought if several friends and I could possibly help him. I told him that I could try and talk with some friends and maybe we could even get together some money in order to pull him out of his debts which are so pressing upon him. His entire demeanor changed completely; he lost his suspicion and there appeared tears in his eyes. He came toward me, shook my hand and said that I had made things easier already with these words. I then told him that he has many friends and that no one wishes him anything bad; he himself has ~~built~~ built ~~around~~ around him a wall of suspicion and no one is able to penetrate that wall. My intent is to help him and to pull him out of this situation, in order to get him to think correctly and ~~go~~ begin working toward a career. I told him that I didn't like his statements that he wants to go to Riga. To this he again assumed a somewhat reserve stand. He said that he has nothing left here to hold him. Latvia is his country where he will still be of some use. Here he is a burden and a cross for all. His work does not bind him here ~~and~~ and what is most important the government is against the liberation (of Latvia) and only now have his eyes been opened to the fact that all of the long years that he has worked for the government have merely been a clever trick in order to exploit his nationalistic motivation. I ask him very directly whether he had met or contacted any Soviet representative and whether he had talked with such regarding his return to Latvia. He replied as not yet having made such contact. But in the spring when he will have taken care of his family matters that then he will begin and that until then he also has to ~~save enough~~ ^{save enough} money for his ~~passage~~ ^{passage} I then spoke to him at length that he will have not the remotest opportunity to serve the Latvian people and nation. Because the Chekists will simply not cease to bother him in the situation in which he is now. They will get from him

him everything and then they will liquidate him because he will no longer be mentally capable after that. To this ~~sk~~ he asked what it is that is so special about what he knows and then it was clear to me that he does not ~~remember~~ remember anything of what he had done. He also ask me to tell him just exactly what there was about ^{the} "ANDY" matters. Those were long years but why did all this happen and how did that entire business end? I did not go ~~into~~ into details. But remarked that his health is now in order and that his memory has completely disappeared. To this he again smiled suspiciously but it was obvious that he doesn't remember anything any ~~longer~~ longer.

I proposed that we go to some restaurant and have some coffee. We did that and went to a place on Broadway where we ^{DRANK coffee} and continued our discussion. I told him that I had talked with his wife and had asked ~~how~~ her how I could help; to this she replied that it is not possible to live with him and warned that I to will get to here from him ugly things because everyone who wants to help him is used as an enemy by him. He conceded that there is something in his nature, that he is very brusque and sharp, etc. I said that it is exactly that point about which I want to talk and ask him whether he would be interest in a ^{Reconciliation} with his family. He said that he has no greater wish than that. I told him that today there are medical means which can help in changing one's personality and if he would not change his personality there is no road back from him to his family. To this he asked whether I knew whether his wife had found another man. I told him that I ~~did~~ did not know and that I did not think that she had because she had ^{enough} ~~enough~~ problems with her son and her work. But he said that he quite clear about that.